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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2003, the term for response to which expires on March 5, 2003.

ELECTION:

Applicants hereby elect Species a, Fig. 1 (first embodiment) for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

The claims readable on the elected species of Fig. 1 are claims 1-3 and 10-17.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth hereinabove.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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